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State	Item(s)	Provisions
IL	Batteries	Task force studied storage, transport, disposal, and recycling
	Packaging	After 7/1/94, no package or packaging component may be sold if it contains mercury above 600ppm; levels decrease to 250ppm (7/1/95), 100ppm (7/1/96)
	White Goods	Mercury must be removed before disposal (landfill operators may have permits to remove Hg components at landfill)
MI	Batteries	After 1/1/98, deposit refund system to facilitate return of used mercury batteries to distributor or recycling/disposal contractor
	Fireworks	Permits required for fireworks containing mercury
	Use/release	Water Pollution Control Act- businesses must report use and discharge information for chemicals on "critical materials registry", which includes mercury
	Pending: Toys, Shoes, Clothes	No sale of toys w/Hg
MN	Batteries	No batteries >.025% Hg by weight may be sold or distributed; after 1/1/96, alkaline manganese batteries must have no added Hg Button cell nonrechargeable batteries must have <25mg Hg and must be labeled Exemption required to sell batteries containing mercuric oxide electrodes
	Lamps	Mercury must be removed before disposal; lamp sellers and contractors responsible for informing buyer/generator of mercury management requirements

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MN cont'd	Product Disposal	Disposal banned unless mercury removed (reused or recycled) from items such as thermometers, thermostats, etc.
	Product Servicing	Repair person must ensure proper Hg management when Hg items removed from service
	Product Labeling	Thermostats, thermometers, switches, appliances, and medical and scientific instruments must be labeled to inform purchaser/consumer that mercury must be removed before disposal
	Inks, Dyes Paints, Fungicides	No mercury after 7/1/94
	Packaging	No mercury in packaging after 8/1/93 (threshold 600ppm); allowable concentration decreases to 100ppm in 8/1/95
	Toys, Shoes, Clothes	No sale of toys, clothes, or shoes w/Hg
	Thermometers	No routine distribution of Hg thermometers in medical facilities
	Thermostats	Manufacturers must provide incentives for proper management (Honeywell, a thermostat manufacturer, implemented a thermostat take-back and recycling program)
NY	Batteries	After 1/1/92, alkaline manganese. batteries must have <0.25mg Hg by weight; alkaline button batteries must have <25mg Hg; zinc carbon batteries <1ppm Hg
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PA	Packaging: (pending)	No intentionally introduced mercury in packaging
WI	Batteries	After 1/1/96, alkaline manganese batteries cannot contain intentionally introduced mercury; button-shaped alkaline manganese batteries <25mg Hg; after 1/1/94 zinc carbon batteries cannot contain Hg
	Packaging	No mercury in packaging after 6/1/92 (threshold 600ppm), allowable concentration decreases to 100ppm 6/1/94
	Medical Waste Incinerators	Incinerators with >5 tons/day capacity must be tested once for mercury
	Toys	No sale of toys containing Hg